



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
RESOLUTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the 2nd largest illicit industry in the U.S., 2nd only to the drug trade, and

WHEREAS, California consistently ranks number one in the nation in the number of human trafficking cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery, in which human beings are controlled and exploited for profit, and

WHEREAS, online advertising has helped traffickers recruit victims and customers in larger numbers, and

WHEREAS, children as young as 11 and 12 years old are exploited by traffickers who force them to sell their bodies for the trafficker's financial gain, and

WHEREAS, drugs are bought and sold in one single transaction; human beings, however, can be sold over and over again, and some victims report being forced to engage in commercial sex with up to fifty "clients" in a single day, and

WHEREAS, In December, 2022, California Senator Shannon Grove of Bakersfield introduced Senate Bill 14, which would include sex trafficking of a minor in the list of crimes that are defined as serious under California law, making the crime a strike under the Three Strikes law. On September 25, 2023, Governor Newsom signed SB14 into law. This will help strengthen protections for thousands of sex trafficking victims, and

WHEREAS, the actual number of illegal immigrant children, who have entered the United States illegally at our southern border, is unknown, and they are unaccounted for and extremely vulnerable to human trafficking, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Federation of Republican Women encourage action and unity with like-minded entities - regardless of political party - to relentlessly pursue the fight against human trafficking.

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